

Greetings ladies and gentlemen,

Below is the Combat Center Speed call for January 28, 2022. Of note, if departments do not provide updates to the Communication Strategy and Operations Office or confirm that their information is correct by 1300 on Friday, the following message will be displayed in their respective section: "There are no announcements for this section of the Speed call at this time." This is in effort to mitigate misinformation.

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### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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JOHNSON VALLEY SHARED USE AREA CLOSURE CHANGES; ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW TRAINING DATES The Marine Corps will not conduct training activities in the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area during the previously scheduled period of October 18 through November 1, 2022. In order to support maximum public use of the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area, it will remain open for public use during this time.

New closure dates for 2023 have been established and are listed below.

The Johnson Valley Shared Use Area will temporarily close to the public for the following periods in 2022 and 2023:

- April 26 - May 9, 2022
- February 17 - 27, 2023
- August 25 - September 4, 2023

For additional information and updates, including a map of the area depicting Combat Center and Shared Use Area boundaries, please visit: <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/johnsonvalley/>.

Questions or inquiries may be directed to the Resource Management Group by emailing the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat at: [SMBPLMSJOHNSONVALLEY@usmc.mil](mailto:SMBPLMSJOHNSONVALLEY@usmc.mil).

### UPDATED MASK MANDATE

Due to your continued diligence in COVID precautions, we experienced nearly no new cases on base leading up to the holiday season. This allowed us to relax the requirement to wear a mask in gyms. In addition, we optimistically submitted a waiver request to higher headquarters seeking to unmask altogether. Unfortunately, after the New Year's 96, the emergent Omicron variant has resulted in a drastic increase in positive cases, and we expect this to continue for the foreseeable future. For now, it is necessary to [reinstate the mask requirement at the gyms](#). However, we will maintain the current gym hours.

The situation will continue to be monitored closely, and with your help we look forward to a reduction in positive cases. Once on the downward trend, we will again reassess our masking posture. The top priority is to protect the force; and the actions of everyone remain critical to enable us to effectively counter the COVID threat. Thank you for your continued efforts in preventing the spread and staying healthy.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR MARINES SEEKING LATERAL MOVE

If you desire more from your Marine Corps career, want to make a difference, and are up for a challenge, EOD may be an option for you.

If you have:

1st class PFT/CFT, normal color vision, are currently a Cpl or Sgt, have a GT score of 110 or higher; Explosive Ordnance Disposal might be the right opportunity for you.

EOD is comprised of professional subject matter experts working in small teams to mitigate explosive hazards. EOD operates both CONUS and forward deployed in support of the Marine Air-ground Task Force, Department of Defense, United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security and other governmental agencies. Contact your career planner to find out if you qualify for a lateral move into EOD.

#### UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 20 AND TEXAS PRIMARY ELECTION

The following states have elections for federal office in the next 90 days:

- January 11, 2022: Florida Special General Election in U.S. Congressional District 20
- March 1, 2022: Texas Primary Election

The State of Florida will conduct a special general election on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, to fill a vacancy for the 20th Congressional District, which includes parts of Broward and Palm Beach counties. Service members, eligible family members, and overseas citizens can register to vote up until December 13, 2021. Voters can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to register to vote, request a ballot, and update any contact information by using the completion tool available at [fvap.gov/FPCA](https://www.fvap.gov/FPCA) [ <https://www.fvap.gov/fpca-privacy-notice> ] or by using the fillable PDF version [ <https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca.pdf> ]. After completing the FPCA, voters must print it, sign it, and send it to their election office in Florida. If using the FPCA to register for the first time, voters must mail the FPCA to their election office. Florida voters in the 20th Congressional District who are already registered and want to receive a mailed ballot must send in the FPCA as a ballot request by January 1, 2022. Registered voters who prefer to receive their ballot by email or fax can request their ballot up until Election Day. Registered voters can send their completed, signed FPCA directly to their election office by email, mail, or fax. Florida voters in the 20th Congressional District must return their voted absentee ballot by MAIL or FAX (fax only allowed if located overseas) and postmarked by January 11, 2022. Detailed

instructions and county contact information are available at [fvap.gov/florida](https://www.fvap.gov/florida). Voters can verify the status of their voting materials by contacting their election office [ <https://www.fvap.gov/search-offices> ] directly.

The State of Texas will conduct a primary election for U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Service members, eligible family members, and overseas citizens can register to vote between January 1 and February 9, 2022. Voters can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to register to vote, request a ballot, and update any contact information by using the completion tool available at [fvap.gov/FPCA](https://www.fvap.gov/FPCA) [ <https://www.fvap.gov/fpca-privacy-notice> ] or by using the fillable PDF version [ <https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca.pdf> ]. Texas voters who are already registered and want to receive a ballot must send in the FPCA as a ballot request between January 1 and February 18, 2022. After completing the FPCA, voters must sign and send it to their county early voting clerk in Texas, by mail, email, or fax. If submitting the FPCA by fax, the faxed FPCA must be followed with a hardcopy mailed FPCA that must be received by the early voting clerk by the fourth business day after the fax. Emailed FPCAs do not require a follow-up mailed hardcopy FPCA, but must include the "Transmission Cover Sheet" [ <https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/coversheet.pdf> ]. Voters must return their voted absentee ballot by mail or fax (fax only if you are located in a hostile fire area). For Uniformed Service members or eligible family members, the ballot must be mailed by March 1, 2022. For overseas citizens the ballot must be postmarked by March 1, 2022. Detailed instructions and county contact information are available at [fvap.gov/texas](https://www.fvap.gov/texas). Voters can verify the status of their voting materials by contacting their election office [ <https://www.fvap.gov/search-offices> ] directly.

The Department of Defense is required to send this email notification starting 90 days before each election for federal office. This information is current as of November 29, 2021. As updates may occur, please check the election calendars and state guidelines at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov) for real time information. If you would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, or need help with the absentee voting process, please go to [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov), call 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584), or email (<mailto:vote@fvap.gov>). The Twentynine Palms Installation Voting Assistance Office is located in Building 1459, Center Personnel Office, or call (760) 830-1800 for voting assistance.

#### UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE ACUTE RESPIRATORY CLINIC (ARC)

In a continual effort to improve your experience and access to your medical team, we are pleased to announce that, starting December 6th, patients with respiratory symptoms will again be cared for within their primary healthcare team at either Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms (NHTP) Primary Care Medical Home, The Adult Medical Care Clinic (AMCC) or the Marine Corps Medical Home (MCMH). To support these changes, your respective care team will be offering COVID19 testing, nurse evaluations, clinical pharmacy consultation, and/or the ability to see a provider if desired. For patients enrolled at NHTP, please call (760) 830-2752 to speak with a nurse about your care options. For patients enrolled at AMCC, please call (760) 830-2621. For patients enrolled at MCMH, please call (760) 830-2270.

We will continue to follow strict infection control procedures as directed by the CDC and in compliance with OSHA to protect our patients and staff.

#### Introducing Text Message Alerts!

The Marine Corps has introduced a new “text alert” program that will send occasional text messages alerts regarding the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area, closure dates, and other relevant information.

To sign-up for text alerts, send an e-mail to <mailto:SMBPLMSJOHNSONVALLEY@USMC.MIL> . For more information, including terms and conditions visit:

<http://www.29palms.marines.mil/johnsonvalley/>.

#### COVID-19 Vaccinations

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 positive cases on both the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center and in the surrounding community, the Commanding General has directed a change in HPCON status to HPCON B. The implementation of additional personal protection measures in the form of the requirement to wear a facemask regardless of vaccination status is now in effect. This directive includes all persons when inside buildings/facilities located on the installation. Exceptions to this directive are installation housing, personal quarters in the barracks, brief periods of time when eating or drinking, and when alone in an office with the door closed. Facemasks shall be worn outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained, such as formations or other general gatherings.

Our COVID response procedures will continue to evolve as we posture the installation to respond to changes in the COVID environment while ensuring continued support to our tenant commands. Additional information, including where to get a vaccine and guidance regarding installation services, may be found at our Combat Center COVID-19 media site at <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/COVID-19/>. The Combat Center will continue to provide COVID-19 information updates and make every effort to keep our Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, civilian employees, contractors, and family members informed of current risks.

The Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital is now offering a 3rd dose of the Moderna vaccine to eligible individuals with moderately to severely weakened immune systems. If you meet the criteria outlined by the CDC, it is recommended that you get a 3rd dose of an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccine at least 28 days after your 2nd dose of an mRNA vaccine.

#### Who Needs an Additional Dose of the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine?

Currently, CDC is recommending that moderately to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose. This includes people who have:

- \*        Been receiving chemotherapy for active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood

- \* Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- \* Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- \* Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- \* Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- \* Active continuous treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response such as immunosuppressive medications used in the treatment of Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, or Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Talk to your clinical care team and specialist about the need to get an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine and the best timing of a 3rd dose based on your current treatment plan. This is especially important if you are about to start or restart immunosuppressive treatment. To reach your clinical care team at the Naval Hospital, please call (760) 830-2752.

For those eligible beneficiaries with one of the above listed immunocompromising conditions, additional doses of the Moderna vaccine are available in Clinic D of the main hospital. You may schedule an appointment using the DHA appointing portal: <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/COVAX/> or by calling 760-830-2698. Walk-ins are welcome Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For those immunocompromised individuals who have received an initial two doses of Pfizer, please use <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to find the nearest civilian pharmacy or location to receive an additional dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

Currently, the CDC does not recommend additional doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine for immunocompromised individuals who received an initial dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. The CDC also does not currently recommend additional doses of the vaccine for other chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, obesity, or diabetes.

For more information regarding the CDC recommendation for additional doses in immunocompromised individuals, please visit:

CDC Information Page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html>

Moderna Fact Sheet: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download>

Pfizer Fact Sheet: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download>

The MCAGCC Tax Center will open on 31 January to assist Marines and their dependents file state and federal tax returns

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## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **3. AC/S INSTALLATION SUPPORT**

#### **MILITARY HOUSING Fiscal Year 2022 Marine Corps Bachelor Billeting Tenant Satisfaction Survey**

Marines and Sailors living in the barracks are encouraged to take a quick 10 minute survey beginning Tuesday, 18 January 2022.

Marines' and Sailors' opinions matter. The survey will help the Marine Corps improve the barracks. Surveys are anonymous and administered by a third-party contractor, Robert D. Niehaus, Inc.

Please visit <https://tss.rdniehaus.com/unaccompanied> to take the survey.

### **- MISSION ASSURANCE**

I need the police!

Who do I call?

The 911 emergency and non-emergency police response phone numbers differ based upon where you live. In a crisis, the last thing you need is confusion over whom you're supposed to call to get the immediate help you need.

#### **I live in on-base Liberty Military Housing**

Emergency: 911      Non-emergency: 760-830-3333

- Adobe Flats
- Copper Canyon
- Desert View Terrace
- Joshua Heights
- Marine Palms
- Ocotillo Heights
- Shadow Mountain
- Sunflower Terrace

#### **I live in off-base Liberty Military Housing; Vista Del Sol District**

Emergency: 911      Non-emergency: 760-366-4175

- Aztec
- Two Mile
- Joe Davis

For additional information please read the attached "Vista Del Sol Housing Bulletin".

#### **I live in an off-base residence, unaffiliated with Liberty Military Housing**

Emergency: 911      Non-emergency: 760-366-4175

Cities of Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, and beyond.

Law enforcement response will dispatch from MCAGCC Provost Marshal's Office for all housing on the Installation. For those who live off-base in either Liberty Military Housing or another private off-base residence, the law enforcement response will dispatch from San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBCSD).

Delays occur when Marines and families living off-base call for help and state they live in “military housing” or “base housing.” The call may be transferred erroneously to the Provost Marshal’s Office due to miscommunication, which will delay response until correctly transferred back to SBCSD.

In addition, to the Speed Call notice, the attached flyer will be posted in LMH Bulletin Boards, and provided to Deployment Readiness Coordinators (DRC) and Unit Readiness Coordinators (URC). DRCs and URCs will disseminate this information to all-hands and maximize distribution to family members.

For additional questions or concerns regarding the bulletin, please contact MCAGCC PMO Desk Sergeant 24 hours a day at 760-830-6800.

The Provost Marshal’s Office and Safety Office: strongly encourages proper wear of personal protective equipment (PPE) when utilizing recreational gear such as scooters, bicycles, and skateboards. This applies for all adults and children! Failure to wear such PPE could result in injuries or repercussions. Please see attached article for publication on unit billboards and local housing community centers. Have Fun and Ride Safe!

OCOTILLO GATE HOURS: In order to best serve, the needs of the community and visitors traveling to and from the west side of the MCAGCC, the Ocotillo Gate hours have been extended to midnight daily. Ocotillo Gate hours will be: 0500 to 2400, 7 days a week.

## **- CENTER SAFETY**

Supervisor and CDSO Training: Per the MCO 5100.29C, Supervisors, and CDSO’s must be trained in the performance of their duties. Center Safety is currently providing training on a monthly basis. All classes are conducted in Bldg. 1523N and will start at 0730 sharp. Those attending the CDSO training must have a copy of their appointment letter at the beginning of class. Please contact Mr. Yeager at 830-7262 or email at [warrick.yeager@usmc.mil](mailto:warrick.yeager@usmc.mil) or Mr. Rios at 830-8467 or [angel.rios@usmc.mil](mailto:angel.rios@usmc.mil). Classes will not be scheduled more than one month out secondary to high no show rates.

**\*\*Center Safety will be conducting CDSO Quarterly meetings for those that are appointed as CDSO’s. Please contact Ms. Thomas [exyminue.thomas@usmc.mil](mailto:exyminue.thomas@usmc.mil) (951) 570-1406 or Mr. Yeager [warrick.yeager@usmc.mil](mailto:warrick.yeager@usmc.mil) for more information**

OSH Safety Program Managers contact information:

- Frank Jenkins ([frank.jenkins@usmc.mil](mailto:frank.jenkins@usmc.mil))
- Wendy Chavez ([wendy.chavez@usmc.mil](mailto:wendy.chavez@usmc.mil))
- Angel Rios ([angel.rios@usmc.mil](mailto:angel.rios@usmc.mil))



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- Dan Mulvihill ([daniel.mulvihill@usmc.mil](mailto:daniel.mulvihill@usmc.mil))

Respiratory Protection Program: Per the MCO 5100.29C (29 CFR 1910.134), All employees assigned/required to wear a respirator due to being on the Respiratory Protection program or work in a Confined Space must be fit tested and trained in the performance of their duties. Safety is currently providing training and fit testing on an appointment basis. All fit test and training will be conducted in Bldg. 1523 N. Please contact Mr. Rios at 830-8467 or [Angel.rios@usmc.mil](mailto:Angel.rios@usmc.mil)

- **PUBLIC WORKS**

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- **MCCS**

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- **ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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- **CENTER LOGISTICS DIVISION**

**Distribution Management Office (DMO) - Passenger Travel Office (PTO)**

**Travel to Japan - UPDATED 8-JAN-2022 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Official and leave travel to Japan will be considered on a case-by-case basis, consideration for this and exception to travel lies with the first O-6 or higher in the traveler's chain of command. ***All travelers inbound to Japan, 2 years and older (REGARDLESS of Vaccination Status), MUST receive a negative viral test (PCR or Antigen) within 3 days of departure from SEA.,*** with the following exceptions:

- 1) SOFA status travelers who have fully recovered from a laboratory-confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 infection within the previous 90 days.
- 2) SOFA members unable to receive a COVID-19 test within 3 days of their travel. (Requires an ETP from the first O-6 or higher in their chain of command)

For your test, time zones must be taken into account. SeaTac is in the Pacific Standard Time zone.

**PLEASE NOTE** – Failure to comply with the above guidance will result in denial of travel to Japan.

If you are traveling to Japan and have questions or concerns, please contact the PTO at 760-830-6744/6760.

#### REGIONAL CONTRACTING OFFICE

MLK HOLIDAY OPERATING HOURS: The Regional Contracting Office (RCO) will be physically closed to walk in traffic on 14 Jan 2022 (Friday). The RCO Staff will be teleworking on 14 Jan 2022 and be available from 0730-1500. For any urgent matters, please contact Ms. Tiffany Hurst at 760-830-1104 or Ms. April McNellie at 760-830-5125.

14 Jan 22: OFFICE CLOSED TO PHYSICAL TRAFFIC / RCO STAFF TELEWORKING

15 Jan 22: CLOSED

16 Jan 22: CLOSED

17 Jan 22: CLOSED

#### 4. AC/S COMMUNICATIONS

1st Network Battalion Western Region Enterprise Advisory 065/2021 MCEN-N/S Upgrade of Microsoft Windows 10 (20H2)

1. Purpose: To notify 1st Network Battalion AOR of required Windows 10 upgrade to 20H2 (MCEDS Version 1.0.8.0) on both Non-Secure Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNET) and Secure Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNET).

2. Background: Subject Windows 10 upgrade packages via Local Area Network (LAN) and Virtual Private Network (VPN) are now available via Software Center.

3. Impact: Windows 10 End User Devices (EUD's) must be upgraded to the latest version.

4. Coordinating Instructions: As with any operating system upgrade, it is advised that local files be backed up to alternate sources (OneDrive, external drive, etc.) prior to installation.

- Users are advised to upgrade at their earliest opportunity. End user devices not upgraded by 21 January 2022 will be automatically upgraded.

- The following methods are available for compliance with this advisory:

- NIPRNET InPlace Upgrade (IPU): LAN/VPN users initiate upgrade via Software Center > Operating Systems > "MCEDS InPlace Upgrade 20H2"

- SIPRNET InPlace Upgrade (IPU): Users initiate upgrade via Software Center > Operating Systems > "Marine Corps Enterprise Image 1.0.8.0 - 20H2"

- Exclusions: Programs of Record (POR) operating the correct MCEDS image authorized within their Authority to Operate (ATO) and placed within the proper Organizational Unit within Active Directory.

5. Point of Contact: 1st Network Battalion Watch Officer at [1nb\\_watch\\_officer@usmc.mil](mailto:1nb_watch_officer@usmc.mil) or (760) 763-7989.

## **5. GOVERNMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

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## **7. STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE**

Due to COVID19, ALL Victims' Legal Counsel Office (VLCO) in-person potential client intakes will be conducted telephonically until further notice. If you require services, please contact: (760) 349-6252 or email [jason.clader@usmc.mil](mailto:jason.clader@usmc.mil)

The VLCO will be out of office, teleworking until further guidance is provided to return to Bldg 1417 located on 4th Street and Brown.

Further information about the VLCO can also be located by visiting the website address: <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Victims-Legal-Counsel-Organization/>

## **8. PROTOCOL**

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## **10. ROBERT E. BUSH NAVAL HOSPITAL**

### WALK-IN FLU VACCINE CLINIC STARTS DEC. 1

Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital Flu Vaccine Clinic starts December 1 in Clinic C and will be open Wednesdays, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for TRICARE retirees and beneficiaries 6 months of age and older. Please call (760) 830-2654 for any further questions.

### FLU SHOTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL TRICARE BENEFICIARIES

The Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital is offering the influenza vaccine, by appointment, to all TRICARE Beneficiaries with no age restrictions.

Appointments are now available Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Immunizations Clinic (Clinic C). Please call (760) 830-2654 to schedule your flu vaccine appointment.

#### COVID BOOSTER VACCINE RECOMMENDED FOR EVERYONE 18 YEARS AND OLDER

Did you know the CDC recommends everyone 18 years and older should get a COVID-19 booster vaccine?

Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms is offering Moderna and Pfizer booster COVID-19 vaccines to eligible beneficiaries and DoD civilian/contractor employees ages 18 years and older in Clinic D, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Pfizer and Moderna boosters are approved for use six months after completing the initial series.
- Appointments can be made by using this appointing portal: <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/PalmsClinicCOVIDApp/> or by calling (760) 830-2698.
- Walk ins are welcome based on availability.
- The pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine continues to be available for ages 5 to 11-years-old for eligible Tricare beneficiaries.
- For more information on boosters from the CDC website, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>
- For those that received the Johnson and Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine initially, you are also eligible to receive a Pfizer or Moderna booster COVID-19 vaccine beginning two months after your initial J&J vaccine. We do not have J&J vaccine. To locate a civilian location to receive a J&J booster, please check [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov).

#### COVID-19 BOOSTER RECOMMENDED FOR 16 AND 17-YEAR-OLDS

Individuals 16 and 17 years of age who completed the Pfizer-BioNTech primary two-dose series are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 Pfizer booster vaccine 6 months after completing the initial series. The CDC Director strongly encourages eligible adolescents age 16 and 17 to get their booster to strengthen protection against Omicron and other variants.

Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms is offering COVID-19 Pfizer booster doses to eligible beneficiaries and DoD civilian/contractor employees ages 16 and 17 years of age who completed the Pfizer-BioNTech primary two-dose series. This booster is available in Clinic D, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Appointments can be made by using this appointing portal: <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/PalmsClinicCOVIDApp/> or by calling (760) 830-2698.
- For more information on boosters from the CDC, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>
- Walk ins are welcome based on availability.

- Pfizer and Moderna boosters continue to be available for eligible individuals 18 years and older six months after completing the initial series.
- The pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine continues to be available for ages 5-11 years old for eligible Tricare beneficiaries.
- For those that received the Johnson and Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine initially, you are also eligible to receive a Pfizer or Moderna booster COVID-19 vaccine beginning two months after your initial J&J vaccine. We do not have J&J vaccine. To locate a civilian location to receive a J&J booster, please check [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

COVID-19 BOOSTER DOSES vaccine booster doses are now available five months after completing a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine primary series. However, please note that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for ages 12 years and up is only available for active-duty service members until further notice. The Moderna vaccine continues to be available to all other populations. Tricare beneficiaries seeking the Pfizer vaccine for 12 years and up should utilize <https://myturn.ca.gov/> or <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to find the nearest civilian location offering the Pfizer vaccine.

Moderately to severely immunocompromised children aged 5-11 years are recommended to receive an additional primary (i.e. third) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine dose at least 28 days after completing the second dose of the primary Pfizer-BioNTech series.

The pediatric Pfizer vaccine for ages 5-11 and the Moderna vaccine for 18 years and older are still available.

Please call Clinic D at (760) 830-2698 for questions/concerns.

#### COVID-19 PFIZER VACCINE FOR AGES 12 AND UP

The Defense Health Agency (DHA) has informed all Military Treatment Facilities that, due to current Pfizer vaccine shortages in the Department of Defense, Pfizer vaccine for ages 12 years and up may only be given to active duty service members until further notice. All TRICARE beneficiaries 12 years and up who currently have Pfizer vaccines appointments or who have already received a first dose of the Pfizer vaccine from the Robert E. Bush Naval hospital will be honored. Beneficiaries seeking the Pfizer vaccine for 12 years and up should utilize <https://myturn.ca.gov/> or <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to find the nearest civilian location offering the Pfizer vaccine. The pediatric Pfizer vaccine for ages 5-11 and the Moderna vaccine for 18 years and older are still available.

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#### **WEEKLY SPECIAL SPEEDCALL LOG**

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*It's tax season! The MCAGCC Tax Prep Center is open and ready to assist you with your taxes!*

*Free tax assistance is available Monday January 31 through Friday May 13, 2022 in Building #1428. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 0900-1800. No appointment necessary. Active-duty, reservists, retirees and dependents all qualify. Questions can be directed to SSgt Dejolie at 760-830-5432.*

*The Tax Prep Center is also providing classes at the small unit level – the roughly 30 minute period of instruction aims to establish baseline tax and financial know-how for young Marines. Leaders interested in scheduling a class should contact SSgt Dejolie, [erick.dejolie@usmc.mil](mailto:erick.dejolie@usmc.mil)*

## **Social Media Sites**

- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/thecombatcenter>
- Instagram: @thecombatcenter
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/combatcenterpao?lang=en>
- Official Website: <http://www.29palms.marines.mil>
- MCCS Website: <http://www.mccs29palms.com>
- MCCS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/MCCS29Palms>
- MCCS Instagram: @mccs29palms
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